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PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT PHONG SAVAN AIRFIELD AND AAA SITE, XIENG KHOUANG, LAOS



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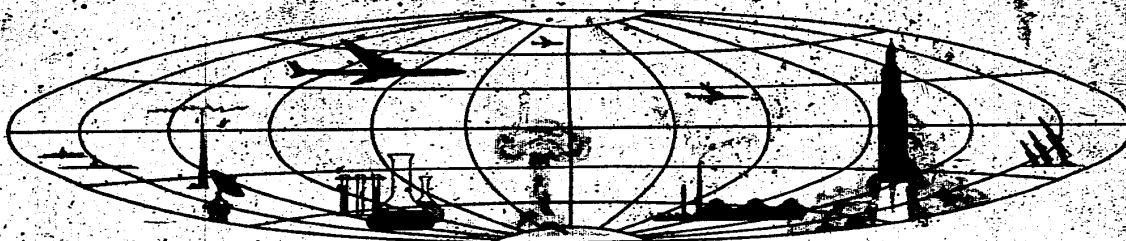


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PREFACE

The following bomb damage assessment report is based on a review of post-strike mission [REDACTED]

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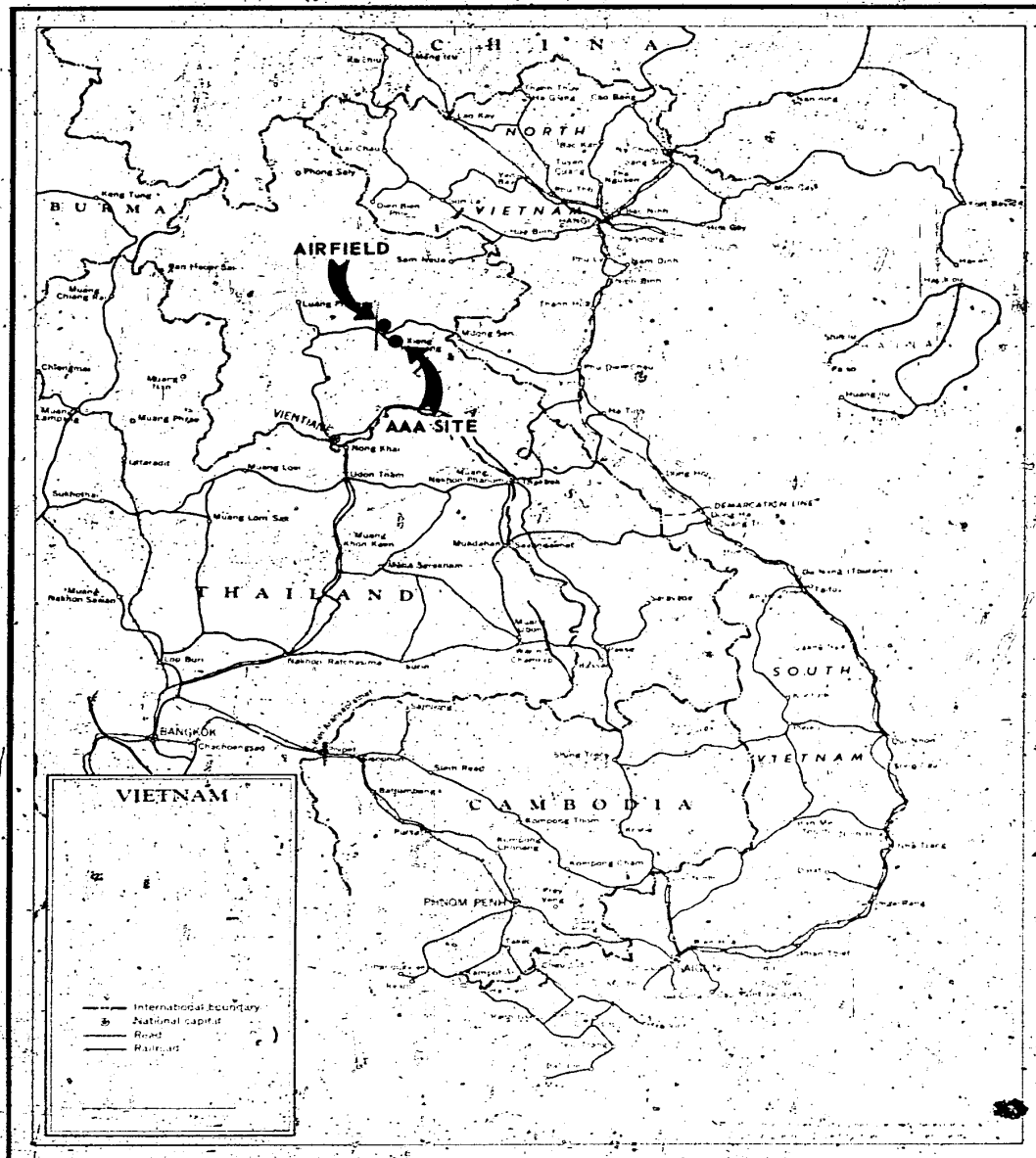
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[REDACTED] covering the Plaine des Jarres area, Laos. The bomb crater tabulation is based upon distance and direction from the center of the runway which is the designated reference point (RP). The photo and map references follow the tabulation. Pre-strike and post-strike photos of Phong Savan airfield are included as attachments 1 and 2, respectively. A re-evaluation of the bomb damage assessment of the Xieng Khouang area is also included and shown as attachment 3.

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LOCATION MAP

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Phong Savan airfield is situated 11 nm NW of Xieng Khouang, Plaine des Jarres area, 19-27N 103-13E. It consists of a 3,000 x 160 ft NW/SE serviceable sod runway. Facilities include four support buildings immediately west of the SE end of the runway. See attachment 1.

Phong Savan airfield was attacked by four USAF F-100 aircraft on 9 June 1964. The amount of expended ordnance is not known, however, 11 bomb craters and two probable bomb craters are observed near the airfield. No direct hits were recorded on the airfield and it remains serviceable. All but two of the hits were recorded to the north, with one observed near the extreme edge of a strongpoint resulting in only superficial damage. The strongpoint appears to be occupied at the time of post-strike photography, with at least two occupied automatic weapons positions and numerous trenches and firing bays observed throughout the area. The two previously reported occupied 37 mm AAA positions now appear unoccupied. No strike photography is available for determination of occupancy at the time of the strike. See attachment 2.

The craters observed at Phong Savan airfield are tabulated as follows:

BOMB CRATERS/ DIAMETER, IN FT/ DISTANCE FROM RP*/ DIRECTION FROM RP*

1		2460	NNE
2		2350	NNE
3		2350	NNE
4		2200	NNE
5		1760	NNE
6		1710	NNE
7		1725	NNE
8		1700	NNE
9	**	1725	NNE
10	**	1675	NNE
11		1475	North
12		485	WSW
13		495	WSW

* Based on distance and direction from center of runway, reference point (RP).

** Items 9 and 10 are probable craters.

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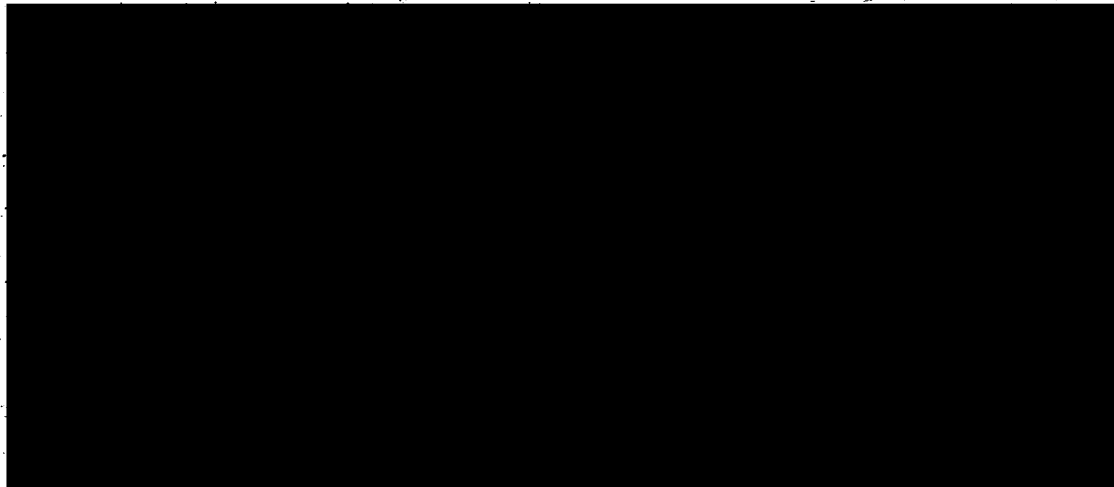
NPIC/R-1253/64, "Bomb Damage Assessment, AAA Site, Xiang Khouang, Laos," based on Mission [REDACTED] reported nine bomb craters on and west of the site, and one possible dud impact crater also west of the site. A review of [REDACTED] and a re-evaluation of Mission [REDACTED] reveal a tenth bomb crater approximately 300 ft east of the SE corner of the site. The site now appears to be unoccupied. The two trucks reported within the site have been removed. No activity is observed within the area. See attachment 3.

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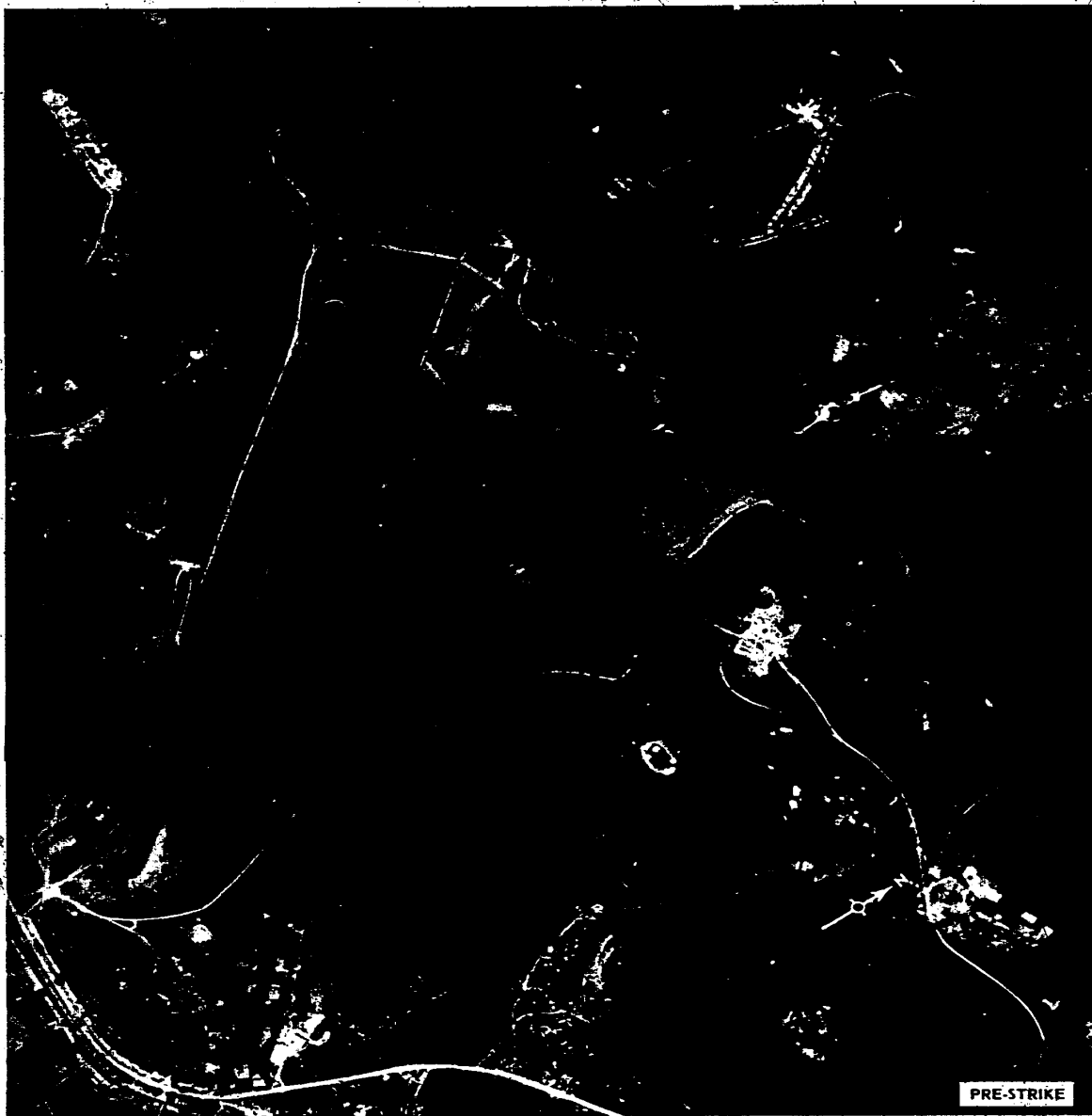


Map Reference -- AMS Series L509, Sheet NE48-1, 2d ed.,
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ATTACHMENT 1



PRE-STRIKE

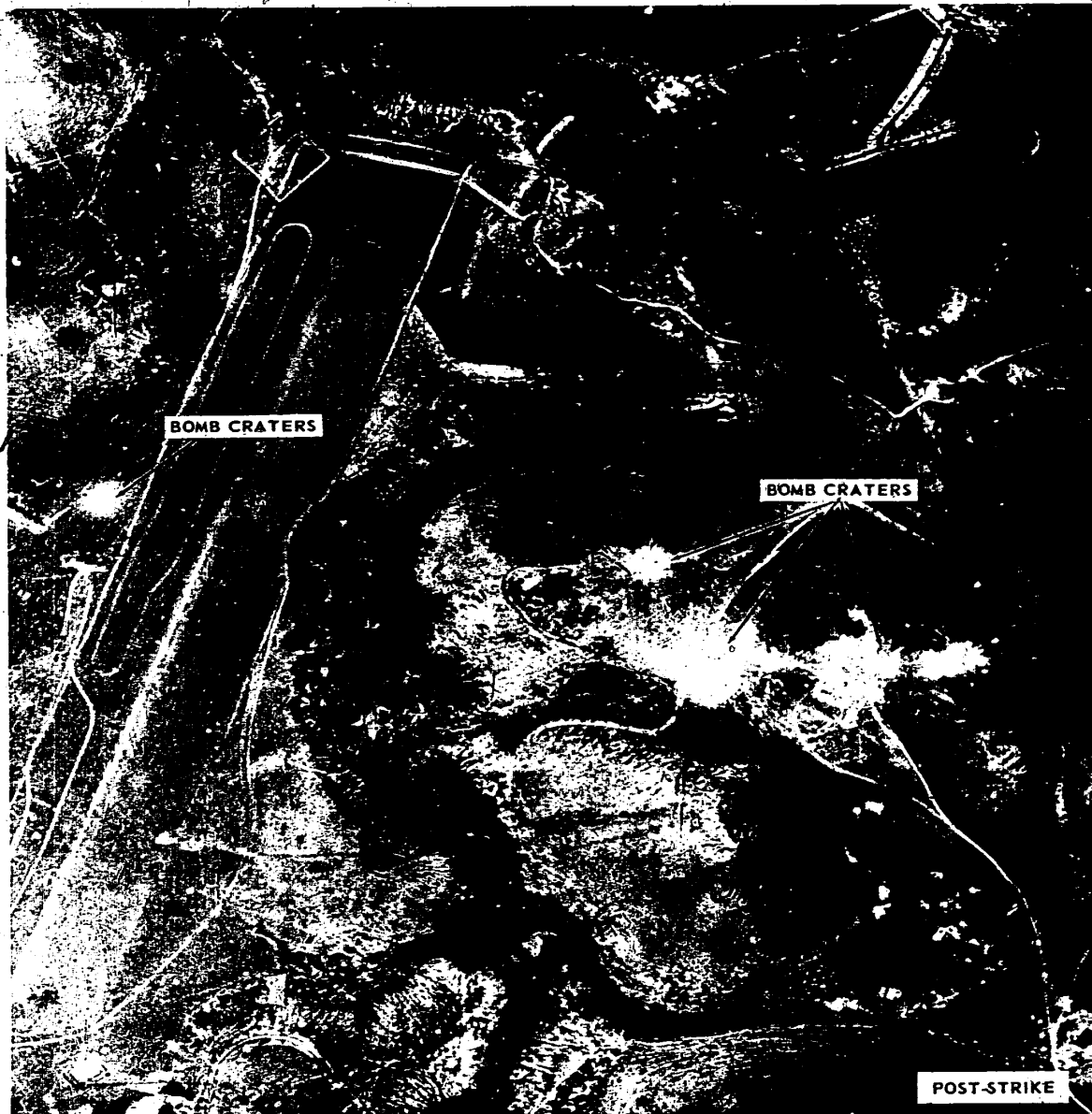
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AAA SITE, XIENG KHOUANG, LAOS.

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